

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGs 1A, 1B, and 2 were objected to. FIGs. 1A and 1B have been amended.
FIG. 2 shows an embodiment of the invention as illustrated by paragraphs [0018] and [0022] and thus has not been amended.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were pending. Claims 21-30 were allowed. Claims 1, 7-10, 12 and 17-20 were rejected. Claims 2-6, 11, and 13-16 had allowable subject matter.

FIGs 1A, 1B, and 2 were objected to. FIGs. 1A and 1B have been amended. FIG. 2 shows an embodiment of the invention as illustrated by paragraphs [0018] and [0022] and Applicants request the objection to FIG. 2 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12, 15, 18, and 20-30 were objected to due to informalities. The Examiner appears to indicate that certain terms in some of the claims lack clear antecedent basis. The claims do, however, satisfy the legal requirements of definiteness. As explained in MPEP 2173.05(e) "the failure to provide explicit antecedent basis for terms does not always render a claim indefinite. If the scope of a claim would be reasonably ascertainable by those skilled in the art, then the claim is not indefinite. Ex parte Porter, 25 USPQ2d 1144, 1145 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1992) ..." Because the Examiner appears to have reasonably ascertained the scope of these claims, the Applicants do not feel any amendments are necessary for patentability purposes. However to expedite prosecution, the Applicants have amended the claims to correct the grammatical or clerical errors and now request the objections be withdrawn.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter and should now be allowable. Claims 2 and 14 have been cancelled.

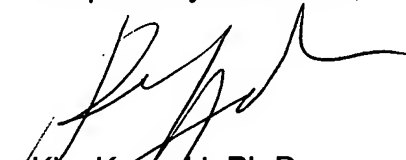
Claims 3-11, 13 and 15-20 being dependent upon claims 1 and 12 should be allowable for at least the reasons claims 1 and 12 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

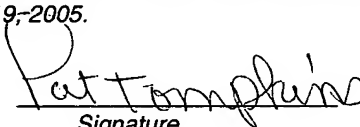
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